

COMMENDING JIM FISHER

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Jim Fisher and his contribution to my home State of Idaho. For much of the past three decades, Jim has worked at the Lewiston Morning Tribune—first as a political reporter and then as an editorial page editor.

Over the years, Jim and I have crossed paths several times, particularly on the opinion page. In most cases, our views on a given issue were not congruent. On the few occasions when Jim and I shared the same opinion, I especially had to take a second look at my position. But you could always count on Jim to be grounded—he always thought the issue through before reaching an opinion. He challenged his readers to think and question their assumption or knowledge about an issue. He relished being a lightning rod and getting people to talk about the subject of the day.

During my time as an Idaho State senator, Governor, and now as U.S. Senator, Jim has continued to challenge me to reach for solid, grounded thinking. In doing so, I respect and value his viewpoint even when we disagree. His desire was to make his community and state a better place. He wanted to give a voice to those that could not be heard. Jim Fischer did his job well.

I extend to Jim my thanks for his many years of outstanding work on the editorial page in promoting critical thinking on the issues important to Idaho. Vicki and I wish him the best in his retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAYKEEPER

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the 20th anniversary of the San Francisco Baykeeper.

Created in 1989 as the first “waterkeeper” organization on the west coast, Baykeeper has experienced many successes over the past 20 years in its efforts to reverse the environmental degradation of the past, and promote new strategies and policies to protect the water quality of the San Francisco Bay. The “waterkeeper” concept dates back to a 19th century English tradition, and today, the International Waterkeeper Alliance is 157 programs strong, with each organization working to enforce provisions of the 1972 Clean Water Act and other Federal and State laws.

Baykeeper fills a unique niche in the bay area by acting as the watchdog for the San Francisco Bay. Baykeeper has become the bay area’s most effective advocate, working tirelessly to address the most pressing problems facing the bay.

In its 20 year history, Baykeeper has fought tirelessly to hold polluters ac-

countable for illegal toxics, protect native fish and wildlife, keep pesticides out of the bay, and fight for an end to sewage spills in the bay. Today, as it gets ready to enter its third decade of defending the bay from pollution, Baykeeper is seeing progress toward its vision of a healthy, thriving bay.

For 20 years, Baykeeper has worked passionately and effectively to ensure a thriving San Francisco Bay for generations to come. I commend Baykeeper staff and volunteers for their continuing efforts to restore the bay to a teeming estuary that attracts millions of birds, fish, and marine mammals—as well as enchanted visitors, devoted residents, and passionate recreationists. I look forward to future generations having the opportunity to enjoy this special part of California for many years to come.●

REMEMBERING KEN GORELICK

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, on June 8, 2009, a brilliant physician, humanitarian, intellectual and caring person passed away. I knew Ken Gorelick and his extended family for almost 50 years and fully believe that more physicians like him would make health care more effective for many. With all of his intelligence he had a unique belief that his principal responsibility was to devote as much energy as he could muster to help those who needed professional care recover from their illnesses. He was daring in his choices of treatment for his patients always searching to reach beyond conventional methodology for the best outcome.

To commemorate his life I ask that a eulogy which was prepared for his funeral be printed in the RECORD. It so fully describes the unusual character of this great human being who will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The eulogy follows:

KENNETH PAUL GORELICK, M.D.

Psychiatrist, essayist, poet, and leading poetry therapist Dr. Kenneth Paul “Joshua” Gorelick has left us and this world, after two years of valiant efforts to overcome brain cancer. He was 67.

When recently asked why he had chosen psychiatry as a career and life pursuit, Ken responded that he had been fascinated by psychology’s promise of a “way to understand the invisible parts of life” and “to understand life stories.” This great fascination was driven by Ken’s intrinsic love of life and people and the human narrative, which, in turn, propelled him on the lifelong journey of an insatiable learner, an inspired teacher, and a caring doctor. He read widely and avidly; he relished the arts and supported them; he wrote extensively, both prose and poetry; he instructed and lectured; he ministered to those in need and healed those he could. Ken possessed that rare Renaissance mind that brought a rich and textured approach to his daily life, his practice as a psychiatrist, and his teaching of psychiatry at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital and George Washington University (GWU), where he was awarded Professor Emeritus status, and numerous national and international conferences. Yet, throughout his life of great academic and professional

pursuits and accomplishments, he never stopped his joyful appreciation and examination of human behavior and the human condition, and he never stopped attempting to improve that condition through is work and his daily interactions with others.

Born and raised in Paterson, New Jersey, the son of Russian Jewish immigrant parents, Ken was inspired to become a doctor early on. When he was four, his father had a heart attack and the daily doctor visits left an indelible impression. A favorite story of his recalls the compliment he received early in his training from a medical school professor for conducting a skillful psychiatric interview. He explained that he had asked just what he had learned to ask customers during his childhood in Gorelick’s Bakery, “How may I help you?”

Ken’s academic life testified to his fervent desire for learning and understanding. He was first in his class at Montclair Academy (New Jersey) and at Rutgers College. He was awarded the Phi Beta Kappa Prize, as well as General Electric, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Henry Rutgers scholarships, and he graduated summa cum laude. Accepted at Columbia, Yale and Harvard Medical Schools, Ken chose instead to accept a Fulbright scholarship to Bordeaux in order to research French literature and study French language, continuing what had by then become a lifelong passion for the beauty and power of the written and sounded word.

Again applying to Harvard, Ken was accepted, and he then graduated in 1967. After his medical internship at Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center in San Francisco, he returned to Harvard in 1968, completing his residence in 1971 at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center. During this period, he also served on the Harvard University faculty as Clinical Instructor in psychiatry.

At St. Elizabeth’s, the first Federal mental health facility, Ken was an expert in the Hospital’s history. He gave numerous lectures and keynoted the St. Elizabeth’s 150th Anniversary celebration in 2005. He was a founder of the Historical Museum. Ken was deeply moved and inspired by founder Dorothea Dix’s commitment to “the most humane care and enlightened curative treatment.” Ken brought this commitment to his private practice and hospital work, encouraged a patient enterprise program, and led DC Council members and others on a visit to Bethel, Germany to see model humane treatment of patients.

Ken was a noted pioneer and widely respected leader in the use of literature in the field of psychotherapy, particularly poetry therapy, serving on the executive boards of the National Federation for Biblio/Poetry Therapy, as president of the National Association for Poetry Therapy, and on the National Council of Creative Therapies. In recognition of his many contributions to the field, he received the Outstanding Achievement Award and the Morris Morrison Education Award in 2004. With colleague Arleen Hynes, he established the first standardized training curriculum for poetry therapy, founded the Bibliotherapy Training Program at St. Elizabeth’s, and served as its co-director and clinical supervisor, training hospital staff and community mental health professionals in the use of poetry and other literature in the treatment of hospitalized patients with severe and persistent mental illness. From 1993 to 2007, he co-directed the Wordsworth Center for Poetry Therapy Training.

A much sought-after speaker and workshop leader, Ken presented workshops, seminars, and Grand Rounds lectures nationally and internationally at hospitals, universities, and organizational meetings. His articles on mental health, psychopathology, and literature were published in the American